

A PERSONAL COMPUTER AND SCANNER FOR GENERATING  
CONVERSATION UTTERANCES TO A REMOTE LISTENER  
IN RESPONSE TO A QUIET SELECTION

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Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to telecommunications.

Cross-References to Related Applications

The following co-pending U.S. patent applications are assigned to the assignee of the present application, and their disclosures are incorporated herein by reference:

Ser. No. [09/657,370] [Attorney Docket No. FXPL-01016US0 MCF/KJD] filed September 8, 2000 by Lester D. Nelson, and originally entitled, "A METHOD FOR GENERATING CONVERSATION UTTERANCES TO A REMOTE LISTENER IN RESPONSE TO A QUIET SELECTION CALL."

Ser. No. [09/658,673] [Attorney Docket No. FXPL-01026US0 MCF/KJD] filed September 8, 2000 by Lester D. Nelson, and originally entitled, "A PERSONAL DIGITAL ASSISTANT FOR GENERATING CONVERSATION UTTERANCES TO A REMOTE LISTENER IN RESPONSE TO A QUIET SELECTION."

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Ser. No. 09/658,245 [Attorney Docket No. FXPL-01028USO  
MCF/KJD] filed September 8, 2000 by Lester D. Nelson, Daniel C. Swinehart, and  
Tomas Sokoler, and originally entitled, "A TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR GENERATING CONVERSATION UTTERANCES  
TO A REMOTE LISTENER IN RESPONSE TO A QUIET SELECTION."

**A mobile telephone creates more opportunities for people to talk with each other, especially while in public places.**

This expanded ability to converse has some negative aspects brought about by talk being an easy-to-use, expressive, and also noisy activity.

There are several ways that people attempt to deal with the situation of having private conversations while in a public place. First, individuals may be noisy in their conversation. This approach requires judgment about when privacy is not an overriding concern or when talk would be considered acceptable or too important to miss in a given situation.

Second, an individual may talk quietly. It is not uncommon to see a telephone user in a corner of the room in an attempt to shield a conversation. This